

HOUSE No. 976

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing and others for legislation to make certain changes in the laws implicating private consensual intimate conduct between adults. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Byron Rushing	Michael E. Festa
Martha M. Walz	Anne M. Paulsen
Ruth B. Balser	Elizabeth A. Malia
David Paul Linsky	Patricia D. Jehlen
Michael A. Costello	Dianne Wilkerson
Cory Atkins	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REFORM OF ARCHAIC LAWS IMPLICATING CERTAIN PRIVATE CONSENSUAL INTIMATE CONDUCT BETWEEN ADULTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as
2 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1 to 2,
3 the words “commits the abominable and detestable crime against
4 nature, either with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the
5 words:— engages in sexual relations.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-five of chapter two hundred and
2 seventy-two is hereby repealed.